

STORE CLOSED ALL DAY TODAY ON ACCOUNT OF HOLIDAY

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"Food for Thought"

Turning the broad light of day into a business whose publicity methods have been contemptible in the extreme. A convincing demonstration of the marvelous ability (with scissors and paste) of the store news editor of "The Different Store." "Different" in methods, "Different" in merchandise, "Different" in prices. Below we reproduce similar stories regarding a cotton "corner."

From Yesterday's "Oregonian"—See Strawbridge & Clothier Ad

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From Philadelphia Inquirer, September 8, 1903

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WEDNESDAY'S GREAT BARGAIN LIST

The campaign slogan of this store, "never undersold," was never more prominently displayed than in this Great Bargain List which we announce for tomorrow. Prices that have made our triumphant business victory. Equal or better merchandise for less money than can be found in any store in Portland. Compare these offerings with the "Rummage" bargains heralded elsewhere. The shrewd buyer will be quickly convinced why the Meier & Frank store is the "shopping center of the Northwest."

Ladies' \$1.00 Underwear, 69c Ladies' Swiss ribbed and natural wool vests and pants. The very best style. All new; this season's garments. All sizes. Regular \$1.00 value, at 69c.	\$5.00 Lace Curtains, \$3.25 Pair For tomorrow we offer 200 pairs handsome Brussels lace curtains, 50 inches wide, newest and best patterns. All the regular \$5.00 values, tomorrow \$3.25.	Ladies' \$3.50 Shoes, \$2.68 Pair Ladies' Goodyear welt (not machine sewed) shoes. Patent colt Bluchers, patent kid, vici kid, stock or patent tip. All our best \$3.50 values for \$2.68 pair.	\$10 Walking Skirts \$6.89 Ladies' handsome panne cheviot Walking Skirts, in black, gray and blue, yoke effects, tab and button trimmed; all new skirts—\$10.00 values \$6.89.	Ecru Venise Lace Collars ECRU VENISE LACE COLLARS for ladies and misses, all very pretty styles—60c and 85c values for 48c; \$1.50 values for 95c.
Drug Sundry Bargains Pure Olive Oil Castile Soap, 3c cake. 25c Shell-back combs, big assortment, 12c each.	98c Scratch Felt Hats, 45c Ladies' scratch felt hats—Flats in Oxford, brown, navy and red. All the regular 98c values go on sale tomorrow for 45c.	50c Scotch Waistings, 32c 2000 yards of handsome Scotch waistings in the best patterns and colorings. All the regular 50c values on sale for Wednesday only at 32c yard.	50c Dress Goods at 38c Yard 38-inch Zibelines in plain colors and plaids, oxfords, browns, grays, tans—all the 50c Tweeds in the new colors and combinations—choice of entire lot Wednesday, 38c yd.	35c, 40c Ribbons 18c Yard Satin taffeta and fancy ottoman Ribbons; also all silk moires, five inches wide—regular 35c and 40c values, for Wednesday, 18c yard.
\$1.65 Black Taffeta, \$1.35 Yard 36-inch, best \$1.65 value, for \$1.35 yard. See "Phalanx" silk sale below. Silk and wool crepe—all the leading shades. Great bargain Wednesday, 98c yd.	Great Notion Bargains Nainsook rubber lined dress shields, No. 2, for 8c; No. 3 for 10c. Cube of 100 jet pins, assorted sizes, 4c. All 10c ink writing tablets, 4c.	Boys' Shoes Reduced Boys' storm calf lace shoes, double sole, latest and best styles. 2 1/2 to 5 1/2, \$2.50 values, for \$1.88 pair. Sizes 11 to 2, \$2.25 values, for \$1.63 pr. Wednesday only.	\$1.25 Night Gowns 67c Ladies' fine embroidery trimmed and tucked Night Gowns, yoke and sleeves embroidery trimmed; big, full sizes, well made—\$1.25 values, 67c.	\$2.25, \$2.50 Umbrellas for \$1.48 Ladies' silk mixed Umbrellas in a large assortment of good style handles; the very best \$2.25 and \$2.50 values on sale for Wednesday only, at \$1.48.
Miscellaneous Bargains Great lot of \$1.25 umbrellas in natural, Dresden and Princess handles, 73c. Oxidized and French gray belt pins, 9c ea. Children's sadorons, 15c val. 8c; 25c val. 14c.	Great Jardiniere Sale Handsome glazed styles, best colorings. For Wednesday only at these prices: 6-inch 20c values for 12c. 7-inch 35c values for 15c. 8-inch 50c values for 33c.	50c Half Hose, 18c pair 500 PAIRS of men's fancy half hose, 50c values, in a splendid assortment of patterns and colorings; all sizes, 18c pair.	Boys' School Waists 29c BOYS' HEAVY PERCALE SCHOOL WAISTS in good patterns, detachable waistband—waists other stores call 50c value, 29c.	New Etamines at 97c Yard 1,000 YARDS of handsome New Etamines and Wire Cloths in a variety of a dozen leading shades—best \$1.25 value at 97c yd.

Blankets Comforters

Special September Prices.

10-4 White Wool Blankets, blue, pink and yellow borders, regular \$5.00 value, for this September sale, **\$3.95**

11-4 White Wool Blankets, fine quality, colored borders, silk bound, regular \$6.00 value, exceptional bargain for this sale, pair... **\$4.97**

The finest 11-4 White All-Wool Blankets, colored borders, silk bound, regular \$7.50 value, for this sale only at the low price of, pair... **\$6.37**

White Cotton-Filled Comforters, silkoline covered, good patterns, special big value for this sale at the low price of... **\$1.27**

Lanated, Cotton-Filled Comforters, silkoline covered, very best patterns and colorings, \$1.85 value, for this sale... **\$1.52**

\$2.50 Silkoline-Covered, Lanated, Cotton-Filled Comforters for the great September sale at the low price... **\$2.17**

Shoe Sale

Unusual shoe bargains for the remainder of the week.

1000 pairs of new, desirable footwear at about manufacturing cost.

All new handsome dress shoes for women—patent calf, patent colt, Vici Kid with patent tip—all sizes and widths, light or heavy soles.

\$2.33 pair

Dr. Denton's Sleeping Garm'ts For children at special prices. Most satisfactory night dress for children. 6 months to 3 years... 38c 4 years to 6 years... 53c 6 years to 10 years... 63c	Phalanx Guaranteed black taffeta silk at special prices this week. 20-inch at, yard... 67c 22-inch at, yard... 76c 24-inch at, yard... 87c 36-inch at, yard... \$1.19
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Dinner Set Sale

A dinner set stock that compels admiration, and we're helping housekeepers replenish the china closet at the very smallest cost. Haviland, semi-vitreous and decorated dinner sets. The very best bargains September has ever offered.

60-piece White Haviland China Dinner Set, only	\$17.42
100-piece White Haviland China Set, great bargain	25.64
60-piece Decorated Haviland China Set, pink and floral decoration	17.48
100-piece Decorated Set, as above	26.14
60-piece Haviland Set, pink, green and gold decorated	28.75
100-piece Set, as above, only	39.60
60-piece White semi-vitreous Dinner Sets, great bargains	3.88
100-piece semi-vitreous Sets, great bargain at	6.37
60-piece brown floral decorated Set, bargain extraordinary at	4.73
100-piece brown floral decorated Set, at the very low price of	7.12
60-piece green floral decorated Set, gold on knobs and handles	5.93
100-piece green floral decorated Set, very cheap at	8.13

LAMP SALE

Continues through the week—special bargains in all kinds.

"Fasso" Corsets

Half Price

We're giving every woman who delights in a fine imported corset that gives form and comfort a chance to buy a pair of the famous "Fasso" Corsets at one-half regular price. All are the very best models. "Fasso" corsets are made of the finest coutil and Italian cloths. Black, white and drab. Models to fit all figures and an expert fitter to fit you. The chance of a lifetime.

\$5.90 styles now	\$2.95	\$10.00 styles now	\$5.00
6.25 styles now	3.13	11.00 styles now	5.50
7.25 styles now	3.63	11.75 styles now	5.88
7.75 styles now	3.88	10.75 styles now	5.38
6.75 styles now	3.38	12.50 styles now	6.25
7.90 styles now	3.45	13.50 styles now	6.75
8.75 styles now	4.38	13.75 styles now	6.88
9.25 styles now	4.63	15.50 styles now	7.75
9.75 styles now	4.88	16.50 styles now	8.25

TO DEPORT FRENCH GIRL

IMMIGRATION AGENTS MAKE A CAPTURE.

Government Officials Determined to Stamp Out Vicious Traffic in Bad Lands of Portland.

United States immigration officials have a French girl, who gives her name as Lea, under surveillance at the House of Good Shepherd. The girl was sent there at the officials' suggestion and will be detained until she is deported. The girl, who speaks no English, confesses that she was brought to Portland for immoral purposes, but has stolidly refused, thus far, to give any information that would lead to the arrest of the persons responsible for her coming to this country.

The immigration officials do not believe that the girl's name is Lea, but they are not at all certain that she is likely to break down and tell her real name, something that might be followed by the entire story of her coming to this city. In the meantime the officials have decided to allow her to remain in the home until she can be sent back to her native country.

The arrest of Lea, becoming noised about, was followed by the disappearance from Portland of Louise Durrant, who is

also wanted by immigration authorities on the charge of having been imported for immoral purposes. The Durrant woman is known to have been in Portland a few days ago, but when the search for her was made she had disappeared.

Louise Durrant and a woman giving her name as Blanche Ray were discovered in Victoria by James P. Lavin, of Seattle, an immigration agent, who has been remarkably successful in running down similar cases and causing the punishment of procurers. Lavin warned the other immigration officials that they were likely to attempt to enter this country. A short time later the Ray woman appeared in Seattle and was promptly arrested, together with a barkeeper of a Tenderloin saloon who was found in her company. The man proved he had married the woman in Victoria and the pair were released. Both were warned, however, that if the woman attempted to ply her trade her husband would be arrested under the new Washington act, which makes it a felony for a man to live off the earnings of fallen women or for a husband to connive at his wife's entering a house of ill fame. The appearance of the Ray woman was followed by Louise Durrant's coming to Portland, but she was got out of the way before the officers could arrest her.

Immigration officials are pursuing a rigid investigation of conditions in the Bad Lands. There is every reason to believe that women have recently been imported to Portland from points outside the United States, and the officers are determined to stamp out this traffic in women. Under a recent act the authorities are given three years' time to find such instances, and

when discovered not only can the persons bringing the women into the country be sent to prison, but the women be deported at the transportation company's expense.

Owing to the rigid rules of the Commerce Department, immigration officials are rather secretive in their work, but the coming of James P. Lavin from Seattle is significant. Mr. Lavin has secured the conviction of three procurers within recent months, and has several important cases pending. Beside these convictions, he has had a large number of women deported. His success in this class of work has led to his being sent to take up the crusade in Portland.

The indifference of the municipal and state authorities hampers the immigration officers in their work. If the police do not openly encourage the women, and those men who are responsible for their coming, they at least fail to lend the Federal authorities any assistance. This hindrance has to be overcome by the Federal officials before they can begin to make their crusade effective.

The work is very disagreeable and even the United States attorneys hesitate to take a prominent part in the crusade. That convictions have been possible at all is indicative of diligence on the part of the authorities.

It is likely there will be a rigid investigation of the French women in the Bad Lands, and that the Japanese will have to answer for their presence in Portland. It developed during the Roberts hearing a few days ago that one of the Japanese women who had contributed to a protection fund had only been in this country six months. She could probably be deported.

Immigration Agent Lavin will not discuss his special mission in Portland, but on the general subject of the enforcement of the law and conditions in the underworld he is willing to speak. In discussing this question yesterday he said:

"It is bad enough for an American girl to enter such houses, but a foreigner is an absolute slave. While an American girl can go and come as she pleases, the foreigner imported for such purposes is an absolute slave. She is held a prisoner and forced to do as the master demands. Her earnings are turned over to the bum to be dissipated. There are saloons in Portland that may be found at all times to be full of men who are living off the earnings of fallen women and whose only work is that connected with the collection of their earnings."

"Why doesn't Oregon follow the example of Washington and legislate against this class of beings? Washington has made it a felony for any man to live off the earnings of a fallen woman, or for a husband to connive at the entrance of his wife into a house of prostitution. This law has had the effect of driving out of Seattle, Tacoma, Spokane and other Washington cities all that worthless class of men who hang about the red-light districts. They have come to Portland, which is to them a safe harbor. Why don't the officials do something to rid the town of this element, and why doesn't the state take action against them as did Washington?"

"The trouble in dealing with violations of the Federal act is that state and municipal authorities, who should co-operate with us, will not do so. In some instances they have even attempted to defeat us. Yet the Federal statute is designed to correct a great evil, and its enforcement would solve a vexed police problem."

"The class of men who live off the earnings of such women is of the very lowest. Their presence means the harboring of crooks and is nauseating to decent people. Why, there is a man in this city who brought five women over from a Washington city and is living in ease from the money they turn over to him."

"I believe the violations of the Federal statute in Washington have been reduced to a minimum owing to the aid given by the state. But conditions in Portland are deplorable."

"Mr. Lavin is to go to Spokane at once to appear in a case which has been pending for some time in that city."

ITALY AT THE 1904 FAIR.

Pavilion Will Probably Be a Reproduction of a Pompeian Building.

ROME, Sept. 21.—Signor Mayer des Planches, the Italian Ambassador at Washington, and Signor Branchi, the Italian Consul-General at New York, who are now in Rome, have had several conferences with the Ministers relative to the St. Louis Exposition for the purpose of furthering the exhibit of Italy. King Victor Emmanuel has signed a decree appointing a St. Louis commission, which will meet at the beginning of October. The Italian pavilion will probably consist of a reproduction of a Pompeian building.

The commission is composed of Senators Picardi, ex-Minister of Agriculture, and the Marquis of Ferrigiana; Deputes Podesta, Favia and the Marquis of Capello; the Duke of Visconti Irese, Count of Tori Lana, Signor Sommaruga, the architect; Signor Apollonio, the sculptor, and several other leading exponents of the principal Chambers of Commerce and high officials from the ministry of public instruction, agriculture and commerce. The commission altogether consists of 30 members.

Where Was the Leak?

EUGENE, Or., Sept. 15.—(To the Editor.) In a recent interview published in the Oregonian, Senator Fulton says that there has been a leak in the general land office and that inside information has been given out to a favored few. Mr. Hermann was asked to resign as commissioner of the general land office. All the timberland speculators in this state who could have profited by such inside information are strong friends of Mr. Hermann, and are loud in their condemnation of Mr. Hitchcock and his methods. Where was the leak, Senator? Is there a leak now? Make your charges specific and it may be possible to answer them.

A STRANGER.

BORQUIST & REFFLING

Importation of exclusive Winter woollens all received, 231 Washington street.

Woman's Serious Injury.

WEISER, Idaho, Sept. 21.—(Special.)—Mrs. Otto Stroble, who lives near Weiser, on the Oregon side of Snake River, received a bad fracture of the right leg this afternoon. She was sitting in a wagon holding a child in her arms when the horses became restive and attempted to run. She sprang from the wagon and in doing so broke the large bone between the knee and ankle. She was immediately brought to the city and given medical attention.

Have you friends coming from the East? If so, send their names to the Denver & Rio Grande office, 124 Third street, Portland, Or.

Take your wife to the exhibition and horse races at Irvington Park today.